

Royal IHC and the Port Authority of Douala continue successful cooperation

PRESS RELEASE

Cameroon's Port Authority of Douala (PAD) has acquired high-tech equipment from Royal IHC to support its dredging activities, an order that builds on the excellent partnership between both organisations.

As part of measures to autonomously manage its dredging activities, the Management of the PAD acquired an IHC Beaver 50[®] cutter suction dredger and a DMC work boat, which were both delivered in 2019. This first order will soon be completed by an IHC Easydredge[®] trailing suction hopper dredger with a 3,000m³ hopper capacity. This vessel will be used to dredge the access channel to the port of Douala-Bonabéri.

The IHC Easydredge[®] is a product within IHC's successful standardised range of dredging vessels. The flexible concept, available in four models and with hopper capacities ranging from 500 to 4,000m³, is ideal for most common maintenance and land reclamation projects. PAD's Easydredge[®] is designed with sufficient space to house various options, and can be customised so that it can adapt to its dedicated working environment.

The order further strengthens the partnership between the PAD and IHC. Beyond the acquisition of dredging equipment, the cooperation also includes an extensive training and support programme aimed at developing and strengthening the skills of PAD's technical staff at a high level. This is a confirmation of the strategy developed by IHC to support and increase the capacities of partner companies in their dredging projects.

IHC's involvement in PAD's autonomous dredging management projects will significantly reduce costs and control-related expenses, while improving the port's operational flexibility. *"We are delighted to continue our cooperation with the PAD on its dredging autonomisation project,"* says IHC's Sales Manager Africa, Bas Kockmann. *"Above all, this will contribute to the better navigability and operability of the port, as well as support PAD's growth objectives."*

For General Manager Cyrus Ngo'o, the new impetus in place at the PAD is aimed at adapting to evolutions in the port sector: *"We are cooperating closely with certain partners to draw from their experience, and use their knowledge and expertise to improve and make our infrastructures and superstructures viable. This will ensure a more effective development, and guarantee the regulation and growth of the logistics platform under our responsibility."*



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Profile Royal IHC

In an ever-changing political and economic landscape, Royal IHC enables its customers to execute complex projects from sea level to ocean floor in the most challenging of maritime environments.

We are a reliable supplier of innovative and efficient equipment, vessels and services for the offshore, dredging and wet mining markets. With a history steeped in Dutch shipbuilding since the mid-17th Century, we have in-depth knowledge and expertise of engineering and manufacturing high-performance integrated vessels and equipment, and providing sustainable services. From our head office in The Netherlands and with 3,500 employees working from sites and offices on a global basis, we are able to ensure a local presence and support on every continent.

Dredging operators, oil and gas corporations, offshore contractors, mining houses and government authorities all over the world benefit from IHC's high-quality solutions and services. With our commitment to technological innovation, in which sustainability and safety are key, we strive to continuously meet the specific needs of each customer in a rapidly evolving world.

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